

Meeting Minutes of the Sussex County Electoral Board

February 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Chair, called the meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board to order at 1:06 p.m. at the Office of the General Registrar of Sussex County.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The purpose of the meeting was to appoint Officers of Election for the 2020 calendar year.

ROLL CALL:

Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Chair - Present
Glover Pegram, Electoral Board Vice Chair - Present
Kathryn Braswell, Electoral Board Secretary - Present

A quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were:

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar of Sussex County
Sareese Messier, Assistant Registrar of Sussex County
Alvin Peschke, Sussex County Republican Unit Chair

AGENDA:

Minutes.

- Ms. Braswell read the minutes of the Electoral Board's November 8 Election Certification meeting. Mr. Pegram made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Mr. Hicks seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Ms. Braswell read the minutes of the most recent Regular meeting of the Electoral Board, dated July 25, 2019. Mr. Hicks questioned an item in the minutes regarding the custody of the Electoral Board seal. Mr. Pegram made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Ms. Braswell seconded. On vote Mr. Hicks abstained and Mr. Pegram and Ms. Braswell voted to accept them as read. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

New Business.

- Certification of Meeting Notice. Mr. Jenkins certified notice for this meeting was properly posted as required by law.
- A list of potential Democrat Officers of Election and a list of potential Republican Officers of Election were presented for review. The Republican Unit Chair, Al Peschke, signed in approval of the list of Republicans. The Democrat Unit Chair, Rufus Tyler, was provided with the Democrat list and offered no objection. Ms. Braswell moved to appoint as Officers of Election for 2020 the individuals named on the list of Republicans and the list of Democrats. Mr. Pegram seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Hicks suggested an attempt be made to have two chiefs (co-chiefs), one of each party, at each precinct. Mr. Jenkins agreed that would be optimal, but stated it is difficult to recruit chiefs.
- Mr. Jenkins thanked the Board Members for their efforts in recruiting Officers of Election and reminded them that additional recommendations are welcome.
- A discussion of methods of training Officers of Election ensued. It was agreed that in-person training is preferable to electronic training.
- Early voting to be implemented for the general election this year will allow no-excuse early voting beginning 45 days in advance of the November 3 election day. The Board will need to ask the county to budget for the additional cost of Officers of Election during that time. Mr. Jenkins estimated the increase in budget for Officers of Election will be doubled. The new budget will begin July 1.

Adjournment:

Ms. Braswell made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Pegram seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Braswell".

Kathryn Braswell, Secretary
Sussex County Electoral Board